

APPENDIX 26—ROAD MANAGEMENT AND CLOSURES IN SENSITIVE HABITAT AREAS

The following identifies criteria for limiting access and roads within the following areas that will be considered for spatial and temporal closure or limited access. This list is not all-inclusive, and other criteria may be added on a case-by-case basis when identified.

CRITERIA FOR CLOSURE

- Critical and other high-value habitats associated with threatened and/or endangered (T&E), proposed, or candidate species
- Crucial big game winter habitat
- Critical and other high-value habitats for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Sensitive Species
- Raptor concentration areas
- Parturition habitats
- Greater sage-grouse/sharp-tailed grouse winter habitat and leks
- Riparian areas, sensitive migration corridors/transitional ranges, and/or other wildlife habitat areas.

METHODS OF CLOSURE

Spatial (Area) Closures, Limits to Surface Disturbing Activities

- Restriction of road development in crucial winter range, parturition areas, and other sensitive wildlife habitats
- Signing
- Gating
- Road closures using berms, ripping, and/or impediments.

Temporal (Seasonal) Closures, Limits to Disruptive Activities During Critical Times

- Remote monitoring of facilities
- Temporary closure of sensitive wildlife habitat during specific time periods (such as, but not limited to, crucial winter range, raptor nesting, breeding, and migration time periods)
- Restriction on activities during diurnal and nocturnal time periods

- Limitations on the amount of human activity (such as requiring carpooling to a job site, modifying work activities) in sensitive wildlife habitat areas
- Signing.

Permanent Closures

- Barriers to access
- Reclamation of roads
- Signing.